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From: <SPrest2427@aol.com>
To: <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/16/02 7:10AM
Subject: FCC Closed Captioning Rules for Candidates

Please change the current regulations to require candidates to include closed captions or open captions on their advertisements as It would enable deaf and hearing-impaired voters to be better informed about the candidates.

Sincerely,
Susan Prestipino
240 Mills Ave.
Spartanburg, SC 29302
864-582-5895

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Received electronically at FCCINFO@fcc.gov via email from
CAL0322@MAIL.ECU.EDU and JWC1009@MAIL.ECU.EDU

>>> Ludwig, Chad Andrew 11/06/02 08:53AM >>>

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> November 6, 2002

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> Dear Editor,

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> Tuesday, November 5 was a crucial Election Day for many citizens of North
> Carolina. While the balance of power rests in registered voters' hands,
> we chose NOT to vote! Republican candidate, Elizabeth Dole, and
Democrat

> candidate, Erskine Bowles, campaigned fiercely via mass media, especially
> through television. As members of the Deaf community, closed-captioning
> provides us with access to a plethora of information portrayed on
> television. We e-mailed both candidates and their campaign teams weeks
> before Election Day encouraging them to implement action by captioning
> their advertisements on television networks. As a result, we would be
> aware of their stance on issues and ultimately determine whom we
believed

> to be the best candidate to represent North Carolina.

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> Elizabeth Dole responded by captioning only one of her several
> advertisements. Satisfying only part of our request defeated the purpose
> of obtaining our votes. Advertisements sponsored by Erskine Bowles were
> not closed-captioned at all. According to the North Carolina Department
> of Health and Human Services: Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard
> of Hearing, approximately 700,000 Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing
> people reside in North Carolina. These two Senatorial candidates and
many

> other political candidates who campaigned their ads on television not only
> failed to address the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing community
> citizens, but also failed to win our votes.

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> Perhaps those who won their seats may give a serious consideration to
work

> with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to amend laws that
mandate

> captioning for all political advertisements and commercials. There are an
> estimated 28 million Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Hard of Hearing Americans as stated
> by the National Association of the Deaf. If all political candidates,

> whether they are running for the Senate or Presidency, captioned all their
> advertisements, it could promote a higher voter turnout among the
> neglected Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing community. They already
> lost two potentially crucial votes.
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> Perhaps we are fortunate not to have had access to the advertisements as
> our family, friends, and colleagues have shared that it was nothing short
> of immature mudslinging.
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> Sincerely,
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> Chad A. Ludwig & Jonathan W. Cray
> Greenville, NC
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>>> The Stoddard's 10/31/02 11:53AM >>>

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office... and mandate that all programming AND advertising be captioned so that we can be better informed voters and citizens.

Thank you

Nena Stoddard
3585 Terrace DR.
Memphis, TN 38127
Nena@mpdblue.com
901-353-9592

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>>> Owens, Susan 10/31/02 03:03PM >>>

To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing quickly to ask you to please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office, and mandate that all programming AND advertising be captioned so that the hearing impaired of our community can be better informed voters and citizens.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Susan Owens
501 Nelson Place
Nashville, Tennessee 37214
615-902-1170

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>>> Tammy Arwood 11/01/02 10:36AM >>>

Hello,

11/1/02

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for
candidates
running for any public office...and mandate that all programming AND
advertising be captioned so that we can be better informed voters and
citizens.

Tammy Arwood

684 Grant Street, Alcoa TN 37701, 865-977-6989 tamrnyterD@yahoo.com

Do you Yahoo!?

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Sent to FCCINFO@fcc.gov

>>> Arby333@aol.com 11/02/02 12:30PM >>>

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office... and mandate that all programming AND advertising be captioned so that we can be better informed voters and citizens. I think my friends have the right to "hear" all those campaign promises, too.

Sincerely,
Arlene F. Branham, Interpreter
4152 Crain Road
Memphis, TN 38128
901-386-8797

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

>>> Tammy Messer 11/01/02 10:56AM >>>
Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for
candidates running for any public office... and
mandate that all programming **AND** advertising be
captioned so that we can be better informed voters and
citizens.

Thanks,
Tammy Messer, Sign Language Interpreter - College
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Corryton, TN 37721
tamrnmesser@yahoo.com

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>>> Bridget Polidoro 10/31/02 02:45PM >>>

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
Office of Secretary

>>> "carolina" <hollandsmeisje@gdsys.net> 10/14/02 09:49PM >>>
Please change the FCC Closed Captioned rules for candidates running for any
public office...and mandate that all programming **AND** advertising be
captioned so that we can be better informed voters and citizens

Thank you
Sincerely
Carolina Hanlon
734 Legion Drive # 6
Destin Fl 32541
850-837-6201
hollandsmeisie@qdsvs.net

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From: Claudia Damian <cdamianemindspring.com,
To: <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/16/02 10:41AM
Subject: FCC Closed Captioning Rules for Candidates

To the FCC:

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office... and mandate that all programming AND advertising be captioned SO that we can be better informed voters and citizens.

I am a late deafened adult and would like to know everything the candidates are proposing and what their stands are on the issues. Thank you.

Claudia Damian
515 North Franklin
Dearborn, Michigan 48128-1517
no phone
e-mail address: cdaminaemindspring.com

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>>> Gary-Hughes@palmercay.com 10/31/02 02:39PM >>>

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office ... and mandate that all programming **AND** advertising be captioned so that we can be better informed voters and citizens.

Gary Hughes
Palmer & Cay of Tennessee - Nashville
555 Marriott Drive, Suite 210
Nashville, TN 37214
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Phone (615) 874-3391
Fax (615) 874-8784

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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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From: Jan Christensen <willwriteforfood@mindspring.com>
To: <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/16/02 5:11PM
Subject: FCC Closed Captioning Rules for Candidates

Please **change** the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office. We **need** a mandate that ALL programming and advertising be captioned so that we can be **better** informed voters and citizens.

Why were they exempted in the first place? Are we second-class citizens?

Sincerely,

Jan Christensen
2805 Oak Trail Ct., #5887
Arlington, TX 76016
817-832-0208
willwriteforfood@mindspring.com

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Email to FCCINFO@fcc.gov from judithcb@ponymail.com

>>> Judith Britt 10/30/02 09:14PM >>>

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office. Please mandate that all programming and advertising"" be captioned so that deaf and hard of hearing individuals can be better informed citizens.

Thank you,

Judith C. Britt
1708 Cove Creek Lane
Knoxville, TN 37919
(865) 588-2792
judithcb@ponymail.com

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>>> julia4912@aol.com 11/11/02 10:16AM >>>

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office ... and mandate that all programming **AND** advertising be captioned so that deaf people may be better informed voters and citizens. You must give your name, address, phone number and email at the end of the request.

Julia Peterson
6063 Russet Meadows Drive
205-425-7016
Birmingham AL 35244

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>>> khanson@millermartin.com 11/04/02 04:18PM >>>

To Whom It May Concern:

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office and mandate that all programming **AND** advertising be captioned so that we can be better informed voters and citizens.

Sincerely,

Kristine M. Hanson
930 Gen. Geo. Patton Rd.
Nashville, TN 37221
615/646-3999

Kris Hanson
Office Manager
Ext. 8616

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Via email to FCCINFO@fcc.gov from

>>> "Laurie Tuxbury" <lt@ldhh.org> 10/30/02 05:34PM >>>

I am writing as a concerned voter and citizen to whoever will listen and advocate change. My name is Laurie Tuxbury. I live in Mount Juliet, Tn. I am a certified sign language interpreter at a nonprofit agency in Nashville. My husband is Deaf and relies on captioning when watching TV. I want the FCC to mandate that ALL programs AND commercials/advertisements be closed captioned when broadcast. I especially am frustrated by politicians who don't have their ads captioned. Please require all candidates to caption their campaign ads so that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community can find out what issues each politician supports or opposes. Everyone has the right to be informed when deciding who to vote for in an election. By not forcing ALL advertisers and entities to caption their ads, thousands of voters are being ignored and treated unfairly. I strongly urge you to regulate televised advertisements of all types, but most importantly those that will affect citizens in exercising their freedom to participate in the democratic process of our great nation. Thank you.

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>>> lp Pruitt@mtsu.edu

Lisa Pruitt 10/31/02 03:18PM >>>

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office ... and mandate that all programming AND advertising be captioned so that we can be better informed voters and citizens.

Lisa J. Pruitt, Ph.D.
806 Beazer Lane
Antioch, TN 37013
(615) 731-2308

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Received via email to FCCINFO@fcc.gov from mglover24@hotmail.com
>>> Maria Glover 11/03/02 01:21PM >>>

Subject: FCC Closed Captioning Rules for Candidates

Body: Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office ... and mandate that all programming **AND** advertising be captioned so that we can be better informed voters and citizens.

Maria Glover

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From: "Martha Sabin" <mcsabin@airmail.net>
To: <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/15/02 12:18PM
Subject: FCC: Closed Captioning Rules for Candidates

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office... and mandate that **all** programming AND advertising be captioned *so* that **we** can be better informed **voters** and citizens.

It's difficult enough to be informed without **the** major media being unavailable to a hard of hearing or deaf person.

Martha C. Sabin
11817 Southlake Drive
Houston TX 77017
Telephone: 281.558.0656
Email: rnicsabin@airrnail.net

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>>> NPolidoro@aol.com 10/31/02 01:46PM >>>

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office. Make it mandatory that all programming and television advertising be closed-captioned, so that the deaf and hard-of-hearing can be better-informed voters and citizens.

N. L. ("Poli") Polidoro-Hughes
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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From: <amminor1@dellepro.com>
To: <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/16/02 5:31PM
Subject: FCC Closed Captioning Rules far Candidates

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for **any** public office and mandate that all programming AND advertising **be** captioned so that we can **be** better informed voters and **citizens**. Thank you.

Patty R. Minor
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Amminor1@dellepro.com

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From: "Pearl Feder" <pearltf1@nyc.rr.com>
To: <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/14/02 7:28PM
Subject: To whom it may concern. I am a Hearing Impaired 49 year young woman who only

To whom it may concern, I am a Hearing Impaired 49 year young woman who only watches closed caption movies, shows and news on t.v. If a show does not have closed caption, I will not watch it though I am able to hear if the volume is on loudly. Most recently, I heard that the candidates running for public office are NOT mandated to have their programming and advertising in caption. I am VERY upset about this as I am a voting and tax paying member of our society. I am entitled to know what the candidates have to say. Please make every effort to ensure that the hearing impaired and deaf population have access to all that is being said on t.v. by making it mandatory that all programming and ads be captioned so that we may be better informed citizens.

Thank. you,
Pearl Feder
133-05 Newport Avenue
Belle Harbor, New York 11694
email: pearltf1@nyc.rr.com

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From: "Rose Genkin" <roselilly@mindspring.com>
To: <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/16/02 9:04AM
Subject: closed captioning rules for candidates

Please change FCC rules and mandate **closed** captioning rules for candidate debates, advertising, and all programs. Those of us who have hearing disabilities should not **be** deprived of our rights as citizens to **know** what is going on.

Rose L. Genkin
4908 Beach Reservation
Brooklyn N.Y. 11224-1102

Tel # : Dial 711-tell relay operator it **is** a VCO call, then give my #
-718-373 1478
roselilly@mindspring.com

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Commander, FCC

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From: "Richard, Wagner" <rewagner@airmail.net>
To: <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/15/02 6:35AM
Subject: FCC Closed Captioning Rules for Candidates

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office... and manddte that all programming AND advertising be captioned so that we can be better informed citizens.

The current policy cuts us hard of hearing folks out of the loop so that we can't know what is happening and can't vote knowledgably.

If the candidates can't afford to tell us what they are saying, they should not be running. The written word makes their promises much clearer and easier to read and evaluate.

Please support responsible candidates running a responsible race and communicating with those of us who can't hear what they say.

Thanks for listening,

Richard 'Wagner
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rewagner@airmail.net

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Sent to FCCINFO@fcc.gov from stephsg@mindspring.com

>>> Sally Stephens 11/02/02 02:15PM >>>

Subject: Body: Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates

running for any public office ... and mandate that all programming AND advertising be captioned so that we can be better informed voters and citizens.

Sally Stephens
304 Gordon Street
LaGrange, GA 30240
(706) 884-8730

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From: <margot@imbe.net>
To: <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/15/02 3:08AM
Subject: FCC Closed Captioning Rules for Candidates

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running **for** any public office... and mandate that **all** programming AND advertising be captioned so that we can be better informed **voters** and citizens.

Margot Schindler-Ehrens
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(323) 913-1134

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Margot S-E
L.A.. CA USA
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>>> <SRLCAL@aol.com> 10/17/02 04:52PM >>>

Please change the FCC Closed Captioning rules for candidates running for any public office... and mandate that all programming AND advertising be captioned so that we can be better informed voters and citizens.

Sheryl Ledbetter
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Burleson, TX 76028

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srlcal@aol.com